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SUBJECT: HEARINGS ON THE SSA NARCOTICS PROPOSAL

FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

1. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT HIS HFAC SUBCOMMITTEE INTENDS TO HOLD FORMAL HEARINGS APRIL 8 ON THE SHAN STATE ARMY'S NARCOTICS PROPOSAL. THE DISCUSSION WILL ALSO PROBABLY EXTEND TO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS PROBLEM.

2. WE HAVE TOLD WOLFF'S OFFICE THAT OUR LEAD WITNESS SHOULD BE AMBASSADOR VANCE, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WILL BE INVITED TO TESTIFY. SINCE VANCE IS SCHEDULED TO BE BACK IN WASHINGTON APRIL 7, WE WOULD LIKE VANCE'S CONFIRMATION THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO APPEAR ON THE EIGHTH. WE WILL HAVE A DRAFT STATEMENT READY FOR HIS APPROVAL ON HIS RETURN, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EA WILL ALSO PROVIDE ONE OR MORE OFFICERS AS SWORN WITNESSES

AND/OR BACKUP EXPERTS, DEPENDING ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S WISHES.

3. WOLFF'S OFFICE SAID THAT OTHER WITNESSES FROM OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO BE INVITED TO APPEAR. CONGRESSMEN MORGAN AND ZABLOCKI MAY PARTICIPATE. KISSINGER

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